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SUBJECT: FRANCO-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONS

1. ACCORDING FRENCH EMBOFF, PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE PRIVATE VISIT TO FRANCE AFTER OAU SUMMIT MEETING, WITH PURPOSE OF TESTING CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE VIS-A-VIS FRANCOPHONE AFRICA. WHILE SOURCE SOMEWHAT VAGUE ABOUT DETAILS, IMPLICATION CLEAR THAT AHIDJO WILL MEET WITH GISCARD.

2. AT LUNCHEON FOR DEPARTING FRENCH AMBASSADOR JUNE 6, AHIDJO SPOKE WITH EXCEPTIONAL WARMTH TOWARDS FRANCE. HE STRESSED COMMON HISTORY WHICH CONFERRED SPECIAL QUALITY AND EFFICACY ON FRANCO-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONS, AND EXPLICITLY EXPRESSED CAMEROON'S SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. PRESIDENT'S TOAST ALSO WAS ABOUT DOUBLE USUAL LENGTH--UNDOUBTEDLY A DELIBERATE AND SIGNIFICANT GESTURE.

3. COMMENT: EXPRESSION OF GOOD FEELINGS TOWARD FRANCE AND SATISFACTION WITH NEW AGREEMENTS MAY WELL REFLECT GENUINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENTIMENTS NOW THAT NEW COURSE HAS BEEN CHARTED FOR FORESEEABLE

FUTURE WHICH MEETS GURC NEEDS AND WISHES. MOREOVER, IT
NORMAL TO BE PRAISING THE AGREEMENTS AT MOMENT WHEN SEVERAL
(THREE OF THE NINE) SUBMITTED TO CURRENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SESSION FOR RATIFICATION THIS MONTH. LASTLY, IT IS GOOD TIME TO
REASSURE NEW GOF WHOSE INTENTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO AFRICA
STILL TO BE TESTED.

4. WORD HAS BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOMETIME THAT AHIDJO
WILL BE PAYING OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOROCCO AFTER OAU CONFERENCE,
AND POSSIBLY ALSO VISIT DAKAR. WE DO NOT YET KNOL WHETHER
TRIP TO FRANCE WILL BE IN ADDITION TO OR IN PLACE OF OTHER VISITS.
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